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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

1. The amendment filed on 10/15/04 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because newly submitted claims 95-113 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed.

- 2. Applicant is advised to correct the following:
- a) The application number (see upper right hand corner) in Applicant's response (see pages 2-17) does not match with the application number of the instant application.
- 3. Furthermore, Applicant has not replied to every ground of objection and rejection in the prior Office action and has not presented arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over any applied references.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE** (1) **MONTH or THIRTY** (30) **DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild, can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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